THE INDIAN NURSING COUNCIL ACT, 1947 (XLVIII OF 1947)

G. N., H & L. G. D., No. 5384/33(a), dated 6th April 1948, S. 5
(B. G., Pt. IV-A, p. 196).

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 (Act XLVIII of 1947), the Government of Bombay is pleased to make the following rules for holding the election of members to the Indian Council of Nursing under clauses (*a*) and (*g*) of sub-section (*1*) of section 3 of the said Act, namely :—

1. The Government of Bombay (hereinafter referred to as "Government") shall call upon the Bombay Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Council to elect one nurse enrolled in the State Register and one midwife enrolled in the State Register for being appointed as members of the Indian Council of Nursing under clauses (*a*) and (*g*) of sub-section (*1*) of section 3 of the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947 (Act XLVIII of 1947).

2. Government shall appoint a Returning Officer in respect of the election to be held in pursuance of rule 1.

3. Government shall appoint the dates on which the said election shall be held and votes shall be counted.

4. A notice of the dates appointed by Government for holding the election and the counting of votes under rule 3 shall be given by the Returning Officer to the Registrar, Bombay Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Council. Such notice shall not be less than fifteen days before the date fixed for holding the election.

5. Subject to the provisions of rule 6 the Bombay Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Council shall elect members in such manner as the President of the Council may think fit.

6. (*a*) A special meeting of the Bombay Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Council shall be convened for the purpose of electing one registered nurse and one registered midwife as aforesaid.

(*b*) Names shall be duly proposed and seconded by the members of the Council and in case the names of more than one nurse and one midwife are proposed and seconded, voting shall be held by ballot.

(*c*) Each member present shall have one vote for each seat :

Provided that when an equality of votes is found to exist between any candidates and the addition of a vote will entitle any of the candidates to be declared elected, the determination of the person to whom such one additional vote shall be deemed to have been given shall be made by lot to be drawn by the Returning Officer and in such manner as the President presiding over the meeting or the person authorised by him in this behalf may determine.

7. The names of the persons elected under these rules shall be intimated by the Returning Officer to the Council who shall forthwith communicate them to Government.

8. The decision of Government on any question that may arise as to the intention, construction or application of these rules or in respect of any complaint or objections regarding the election shall be final. Any complaint or objection regarding the election shall be lodged with Government within seven days of the declaration of the result of the election.